

THE FRIENDS OF BELHAM

Committee meeting

The committee of the FOB met on 21st March 2016 at the White Horse public house.

Members present:

Georgia Brown

Alessia Capponi

Roger Ede

Anna Herzberg

Chris Newman

Michael Sharman

Julie Fahy

Chris presented the results of his FOB questionnaire and handed out a paper copy of the outcome. Overwhelmingly, members wished to be contacted by email or through the Belham Buzz. Chris said that he would draft a letter that could be sent to people other than parents and carers, suggesting why they may wish to become members of FOB: supporting a community school; reaching new customers from an expanding school; an opportunity to showcase their business; showing that their business is socially responsible.

A cake sale will take place tomorrow and 'wear your own clothes to school' on Thursday. Tea towels representing all the 'founding' children of the school were being produced for sale.

The members discussed possible future fundraising events:

an evening social on Wednesday 4 May at the Prince Albert pub. A hand-out then could inform attenders of what FOB is doing and its goals;

a coffee morning on Monday 18 April, for Poplin in Andersons and for reception classes in Petit Tous;

an after-school picnic in Warwick Gardens before the Summer holiday;

a wine tasting;

a Peckham Society led walking tour of Lordship Lane for about 1.5 hours;

a pub quiz, this could be in the Peckham Liberal Club at the end of term on 14 July.

Participants would pay £5 per head and a £1 donation. Food could be on sale and a raffle held;

a stall at the Bellenden Road 'Big Lunch'.

Anna told the members about proposals for the development of the permanent garden site. The site will include 2 wooden climbing structures, joined with a walkway, 2 sheds to house play and gardening equipment, an outdoor classroom and an allotment/growing area. FOB could be involved by clearing the site, digging and other preparatory work during August and by contributing financially towards the cost of outdoor play equipment such as sand and water trays, large building blocks and other equipment suggested by FOB. The members agreed that raising money for the garden would be a good objective for FOB, with a fundraising target.

The next meeting of FOB will be on 18 April at 8pm at the same venue.